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Dear Rye Neck Families,

We are excited to welcome our students back for the new school year! Teachers and everyone who supports them have been hard at work to make sure we get off to a great start.

Our new teachers and staff members arrived last Monday for two days of orientation. One of the favorite items on their agenda is the annual “new staff bus tour,” where an alumni narrates the journey around Rye Neck to help illustrate the tight, family-oriented character of our district. The new faculty and staff Class of ‘23 includes teachers, assistants, monitors, guards, and a counselor.

The veteran faculty and staff returned last Wednesday for professional development, annual training, and time for departments and teams. One significant activity was a district-wide session on implicit bias, in particular the need to appreciate various perspectives and avoid seeing people through the lens of a “single story.” This is particularly important when teachers, students, and their families meet each other for the first time, as it helps create a social foundation that facilitates effective instructional relationships.

All teachers arrived eager to get into their workspaces and to put finishing touches on classrooms in the last days of summer. The custodial and grounds crew, with the clerical staff and administrative team, paved the way in July and August so that the physical spaces were ready for the teachers to receive and welcome their students.

Our students were treated to ice cream on Day 1 -- which only gave me extra motivation to visit all four of our schools. Life and vibrant activity has returned to Rye Neck, and I look forward to sharing that with our parents at each school’s open house:

- High School, Thursday, September 7th, 6:00 p.m.
- Middle School, Thursday, September 14th, 6:00 p.m.
- F. E. Bellows, Thursday, September 21st, 6:00 p.m.
- Daniel Warren, Thursday, September 28th, 6:00 p.m.

Best regards,

Dr. Eric Lutinski
Superintendent of Schools